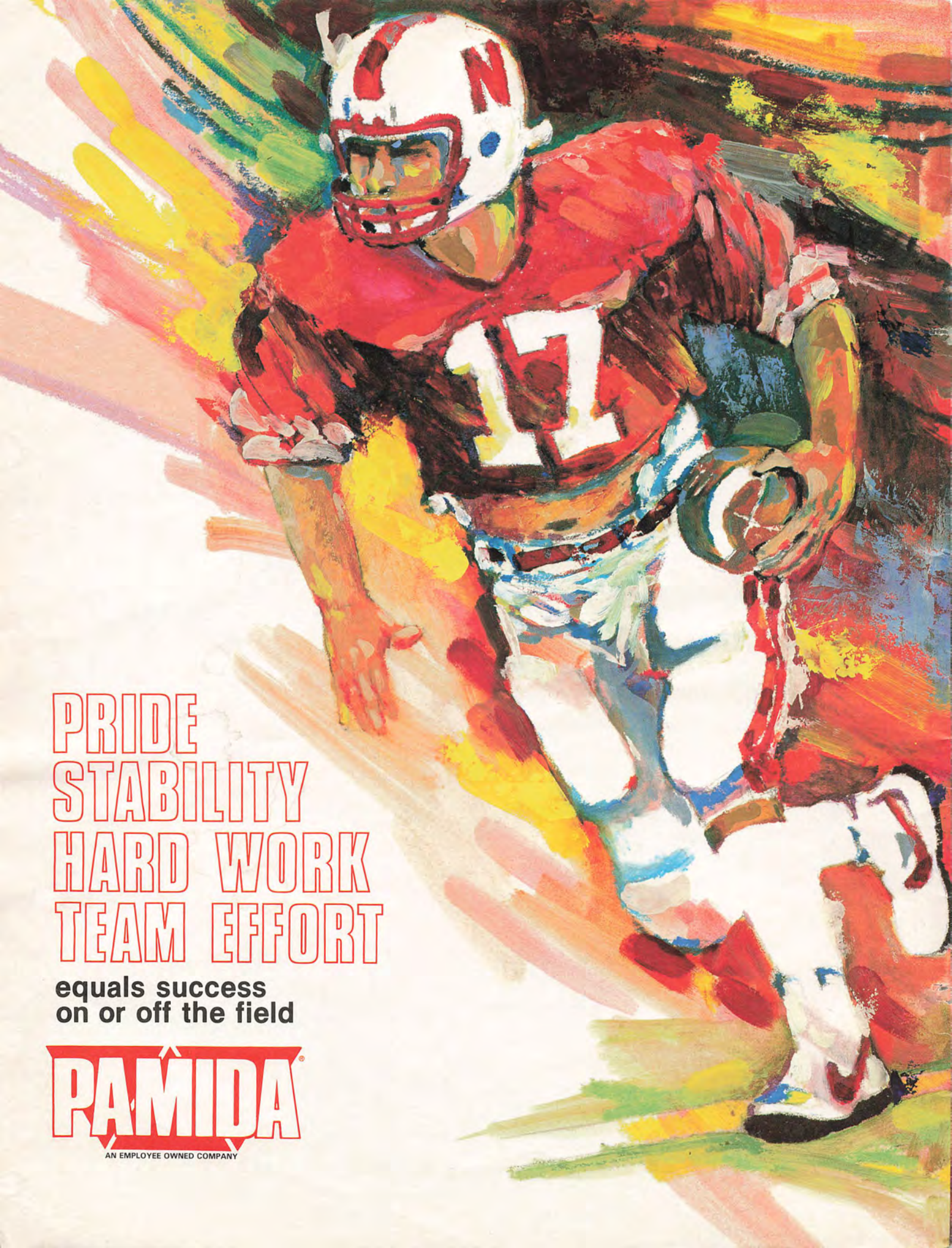


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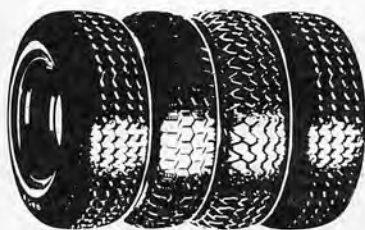


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## Quotes 'n Notes

**Center Bill Lewis, on Nebraska's depth at I-back:** "We've got just a number of great runners at tailback. Nothing against Doug (DuBose) or anything, but we've got some other great people. We always seem to field somebody who's pretty good."

**I-back Doug DuBose, who left the game with a hyperextended knee and had to watch from the sideline:** "I was happy my teammates did a great job, but it was a little frustrating sitting."

**DuBose on Paul Miles, who replaced him and rushed for 156 yards:** "Paul's a great running back, and he got a chance to show it. I always knew Paul was capable of doing that. I've said before that when Paul comes in the game, he can do just as good as I can."

"Jon (Kelley) and Keith (Jones) are capable, too, and if they had a chance, they could both do it."

**I-back Paul Miles on his 46-yard touchdown run in the second quarter:** "It was a '19 option.' Mac (NU quarterback McCathorn Clayton) gave me a pitchout; after a good downfield block, I cut back, and it was kind of a footrace then. I felt good about it. Most of my long runs since I've been at Nebraska have been in scrimmages. I wanted to have a good day."

**Miles on stepping in for DuBose:** "Coach (Frank) Solich told me I'd be playing a lot from here on out, so I have to stay close by him (Solich) in case something happens to Doug or he gets tired. I hope Doug gets tired instead of hurt. I have to be prepared to go in at any time. I really wasn't cold because when we punted to them on the first series, I got the tackle. I was feeling pretty loose."

"After my first series, I felt pretty good. I didn't want to put a lot of pressure on myself. I wanted to concentrate and stay relaxed so I could do what I'm capable of doing, not get all tense because I knew Doug wouldn't be coming back in. I had an opportunity to step in and have the load on me."

"I felt pretty good accepting the challenge and enjoying it while I was out there."

**Defensive tackle Jim Skow:** "When you're doing things right like we were, it gives you a generally good attitude. I wasn't laughing at them, but I had a smile on my face most of the game. I thought

Oregon might get on a roll because that (Tony) Cherry is really a scooter. Our offense is a machine when they're on a roll like this."

**Safety Chris Carr, who got his second pass interception in as many weeks, on Oregon quarterback Chris Miller:** "Those four down linemen were after him all day, and he didn't have time to pick out which receiver he was going to throw to. It seemed like if they (the defensive linemen) weren't shutting him down, the secondary was shutting down the receivers."

**Wingback Von Sheppard on his 45-yard pass reception from quarterback McCathorn Clayton. He caught the ball between two Oregon defenders:** "It was so weird. The one guy was right on me and I just kind of jumped up and put my hands out, and the ball stuck. I just thank God it stuck."

"I'm happy I got a chance to show everybody I can run, block and catch."

**Sheppard on Nebraska's depth at I-back and its overall depth:** "Even if Paul (Miles) went out, Keith (Jones) and Jon (Kelley) could handle everything. If I went out, Dana (Brinson), Ray (Nelson) and Roger (Lindstrom) would be able to handle it. I think we have more threats than just two or three people. You have to consider everybody when you go up against us. The line poses a threat, too, because they're so intimidating."

**Linebacker Kevin Parsons on Nebraska's defensive play:** "I don't know whether we played that well or played that badly, but they seemed intimidated. We were pretty convinced going in that they were a good offensive team, but they couldn't get their running game going and that hurt them."

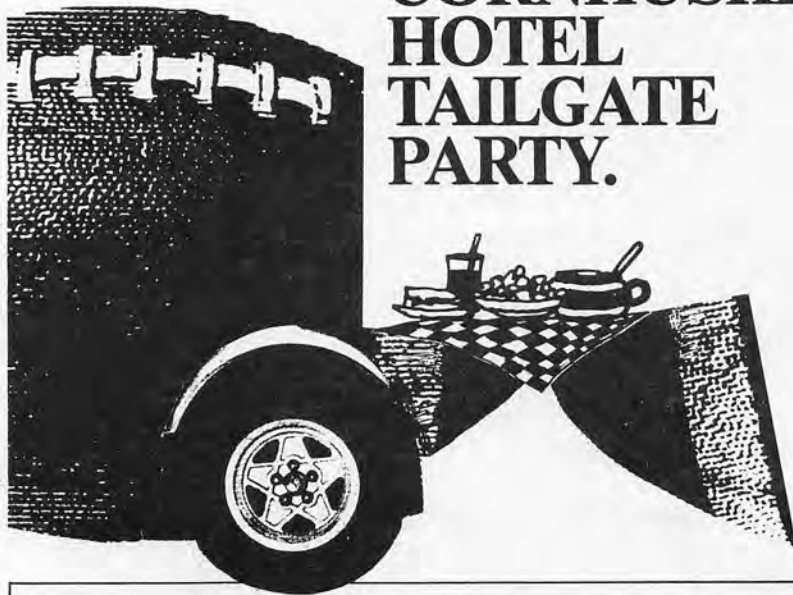
**Linebacker Marc Munford, who intercepted a pass:** "We're definitely going to continue to play well. It takes a few games to get everybody knitted together. This is the first game as a whole team we've played every aspect pretty well. They probably thought they were going to be able to pass a little more effectively than they ended up doing."

"That's what we're out there for, to deflate their bubble. I think we did a pretty good job of it."

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# Scoring Summary

NEBRASKA 63, OREGON 0

Nebraska ..... 14 28 14 7—63  
Oregon ..... 0 0 0 0—0

## First Quarter

7-0—For the first time in 1985, the Huskers failed to score on their opening series. But after gaining just nine yards on their first possessions, NU took advantage of good field position and drove 48 yards to score. Fullback Tom Rathman gained 30 of 52 yards rushing on this series, including the final yard for the score.

However, the Huskers also lost starting I-back Doug DuBose for the rest of the day when he bruised his knee while trying to vault over the Duck defense. Time left: 6:08 Drive 10 plays 49 yards 4:04.

14-0—The Huskers took less than a minute to score their second touchdown. McCathorn Clayton hit Von Sheppard with a 45 pass play to set up a 3-yard scoring run by Ken Kaelin. Time left: 1:04. Drive: three plays, 49 yards, :58.

## Second Quarter

21-0—Nebraska began to eat up the clock as well as the yardage in the second quarter. Led by senior quarterback Travis Turner, NU drove 60 yards while using over five minutes. Turner picked up the touchdown on a one-yard run. Time remaining: 7:32 Drive 11 plays, 60 yards, 5:28.

28-0—On the first snap after Chris Carr picked off his second pass of the season and returned it 31 yards, Paul Miles burst through the left side of the line and sprinted 46-yards for the touchdown. Time left: 6:28 Drive: one play, 46 yards :08.

35-0—Keith "End Zone" Jones found payday for the first time in 1985 on a 25-yard sprint. Clayton hit Roger Lindstrom with a 31-yard pass to set up the score. Time left: 3:17 Drive: five plays, 83 yards, 1:47.

42-0—The Huskers scored on their fourth straight possession in the second quarter when Miles dove over from a yard out. Miles went over 100 yards for the first time in his career by carrying 12 times of 113 yards and two scores in the first half, and for 156 yards on 17 attempts for the game. Time left: :41. Drive: six plays, 39 yards, 2:11.

## Third Quarter

49-0—The Huskers took the second half kickoff and drove 80 yards for the score. Clayton hit passes of 20 yards to Sheppard and 14 to Robb Schnitzler to highlight to drive. Sheppard took the pitch on the option from Clayton and covered the last eight yards for the score. Time left: 10:58 Drive: 10 plays 80 yards, 4:02.

56-0—On the first play after Marc Munford picked off a pass and returned it 24 yards to the Oregon 27, Sheppard took the handoff on the reverse and sprinted all the way to score his second TD of the day. Time left: 4:15 Drive: one play, 27 yards, :07.

## Fourth Quarter

63-0—Nebraska ground out a marathon 99-yard drive to close out the scoring. Oregon had stopped the drive, but the Ducks were penalized for roughing punter Dan Wingard. Reserve fullback Dan Casterline plowed through the middle for the final four yards and the touchdown. Time left: 9:54 Drive: 17 plays, 99 yards, 7:05. ♦

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## Game Report

# Ducks Submerged Beneath Husker Flood

It was a good day for ducks but not a good one for the Oregon football team, as Nebraska swamped the Ducks, 63-0.

The Cornhuskers put together a near-perfect performance on a cold and damp Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium, rolling to their second consecutive victory after the 17-13, opening-game loss to Florida State.

"When you win by that kind of a margin, it's hard to find fault with your football team," said Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne.

"Offensively, the turnovers that hurt us rather badly in our first game and could have hurt us in the second didn't happen. We played without a turnover."

Oregon could not say the same. The Ducks had four passes intercepted, and they lost two of four fumbles to the opportunistic Cornhuskers.

Nebraska rushed for 444 yards without I-back Doug DuBose, who left the game with a hyper-extended knee midway through the first quarter. Paul Miles, his replacement, rushed for 156 yards and scored two touchdowns.

Osborne used 101 players, including six quarterbacks, and 16 Cornhuskers carried the ball.

Second-team wingback Von Sheppard also scored two touchdowns, on runs of eight and 27 yards, in the balanced attack.

Nebraska's defense was equally impressive, limiting what had been a potent Oregon offense to seven first downs and 106 total yards. The shutout was the Cornhuskers' first.

"I wanted to preserve the shutout for two reasons," NU defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said. "One, it helps the confidence of the defensive unit, and two, I didn't want the younger players to get in there and feel they gave up a shutout which the older players had earned."

Oregon had an opportunity to avoid a shutout on its final possession of the game, after a punt return had set up the Ducks at the NU 19-yard line.

However, a third-down pass, thrown under pressure from freshman linebacker LeRoy Etienne, was intercepted by reserve cornerback Brian Pokorny.

Oregon, which went into the game averaging 433 yards, didn't cross mid-field until less than three minutes remained in the third quarter.

Nebraska wasted little time taking control of the game. By halftime, the score was 42-0, and a significant percentage of the 75,947 fans who had braved the winter-like weather began leaving for warmer places. ♦

Marc Munford (41) is off on a 24-yard interception return which set up a Husker TD (top, page 8), while McCathorn Clayton (lower photo, page 8) gets his pass off despite a heavy rush. (Photos by John Bills.)

Paul Miles (21) fights for the end zone in heavy traffic (top, page 9), but Doug DuBose (22) winds up heels over head in his effort to get six points. (Photos by John Bills.)





# Statistics

## TEAM STATISTICS

	NU	TEAM ORE	SEASON NU	OPP
First downs	29	7	71	43
First downs rushing	19	5	57	16
First downs passing	7	1	11	24
First downs penalty	3	1	3	3
Rushing attempts	77	27	206	100
Yards gained rushing	464	88	1363	367
Yards lost rushing	20	15	91	82
Net yards rushing	444	73	1272	285
Net yards passing	145	33	295	501
Passes attempted	14	28	38	110
Passes completed	9	7	15	54
Interceptions by	4	0	8	2
Inter. ret. yards	72	0	190	6
Total plays	91	55	244	210
Total yards	589	106	1567	786
Avg. gain per play	6.5	1.9	6.4	3.7
Punts-yards	4-158	9-386	13-475	24-986
Avg. per punt	39.5	42.9	36.5	41.1
Punts returned-yards	4-5	2-55	11-41	5-59
Kickoff returns-yards	0-0	7-123	5-126	16-308
Punts blocked	0	0	0	0
Fumbles-fumbles lost	3-0	4-2	10-4	9-5
Penalties-yards	8-68	9-75	18-148	18-140
Possession time	41:09	18:51	103:31	76:29
3rd down conversions	9-17	3-14	19-46	10-46
Sacks-yards	2-12	1-2	8-53	6-25

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### NEBRASKA

**RUSHING:** Paul Miles 17-156 2TDs; Von Sheppard 3-59 2TDs; Tom Rathman 12-52; Jon Kelley 6-29; Keith Jones 6-29 1TD; Doug DuBose 8-27; Dan Casterline 6-20 1 TD; Tyreese Knox 3-19; Ray Nelson 2-17; Travis Turner 4-16; Clete Blakeman 4-11; Jeff Taylor 2-9; McCathorn Clayton 1-5; Ken Kaelin 1-3 1TD; Steve Taylor 1-2; Jerry Mlinar 1-6.

**PASSING:** McCathorn Clayton 5-8-0 108; Travis Turner 2-3-0 20; Clete Blakeman 2-3-0 17.

**RECEIVING:** Von Sheppard 2-65; Roger Lindstrom 2-40; Robb Schnitzler 1-14; Hendley Hawkins 1-14; Jeff Krantz 1-11; Ken Kaelin 1-3; Paul Miles 1-2.

**PUNTING:** Dan Wingard 2-45.5; Dale Klein 2-33.5.

**PUNT RETURNS:** Dana Brinson 3-2; Von Sheppard 1-3.

**KICKOFF RETURNS:** None

**FIELD GOALS:** Dale Klein 0-1.

**DEFENSE:** No. (Unassisted-Assisted) Chad Daffer 3(3-0); Cleo Miller 3(3-0); Chris Spachman 2(2-0); Danny Noonan 2(1-1); Jim Skow 2(2-0); Mike Knox 2(2-0); Marc Munford 2(0-2); Todd Proffitt 2(2-0); Mike Carl 2(2-0); Brian Washington 2(2-0); Brian Davis 2(2-0); Chris Carr 2(0-2); Brad Smith 1(0-1); Tony Holloway 1(1-0) Brad Tyrer 1(1-0); Neil Smith 1(1-0); Gregg Reeves 1(1-0); Scott Tucker 1(1-0); Rod Reynolds 1(1-0); Kevin Parsons 1(0-1); Bryan Seibler 1(1-0); Jeff Tomjack 1(1-0).

**TACKLES FOR LOSS:** Todd Proffitt 1-3; Chris Spachman 1-1.

**SACKS:** Todd Proffitt 1-9; Jim Skow 1-3.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Chris Carr 1-31; Marc Munford 1-24; Brian Pokorny 1-12; Brian Washington 1-5.

**PASSES BROKEN UP:** Marc Munford 2; Ken Shead, Steve Forch, Brian Seibler one each.

**FUMBLE RECOVERIES:** Danny Noonan, Jim Skow one each.

### OREGON

**RUSHING:** Tony Cherry 12-55; Kevin Willhite 5-11; James Harper 3-7; Eugene King 1-3; Alan Jackson 1-3; Todd Bland 2-2; Tim Norton 1-2; Chris Miller 2-6.

**PASSING:** Chris Miller 6-20-2 24; Tim Norton 0-2-0; Johnny Coppedge 1-5-1 9; Scott Hollman 0-1-1.

**RECEIVING:** Tony Cherry 3-14; Alan Jackson 1-9; Todd Bland 1-8; Lew Barnes 1-2; James Harper 1-0.

**PUNTING:** Mike Preacher 9-42.9.

**PUNT RETURNS:** Cliff Hicks 1-48; Lew Barnes 1-7.

**KICKOFF RETURNS:** Tony Cherry 7-123.

**FIELD GOALS:** None

**DEFENSE:** Dan Devaney 14(8-6); Doug Judge 10(5-5); Anthony Newman 8(7-1); Rob Marshall 7(6-1); Jerry Miles 7(6-1); Matt Brock 5(4-1); Rollin Putzier 5(4-1); Dave Maley 5(1-4); E.J. Duffy 5(4-1); Scott Kozak 4(3-1); Ed Hulbert 4(3-1); Cliff Hicks 4(3-1); John Byrne 3(3-0); Darrin Golka 3(2-1);







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# Husker Trivia

1. The head coach of New Mexico from 1950 through 1952 was: (a) Dudley Doright, (b) Dudley DeGroot, (c) Doodley Dudley, (d) Howdy Doody.

2. Nebraska right cornerback Mike Carl played on a state high school championship team in what sport? (a) football, (b) track, (c) basketball, (d) baseball.

3. Since the Big Eight was formed, which was the only team to win the conference title and the conference passing crown? (a) Kansas, (b) Kansas State, (c) Missouri, (d) Nebraska.

4. He was a former New Mexico coach who went on to coach in the pro ranks. (a) Tom Landry, (b) George Allen, (c) Marv Levy, (d) Tom Flores.

5. The last time New Mexico was in a bowl game was in 1961. The game was played in Dayton, Ohio. What was the name of that bowl? (a) Dayton Bowl, (b) Aviation Bowl, (c) Flyers Bowl, (d) Wright Bowl.

6. He was the head basketball coach who got New Mexico put on probation for three years starting in 1979? (a) Jerry Tarkanian, (b) Charlie Pell, (c) Norm Ellenberger, (d) Dudley DeGroot.

7. Nebraska played New Mexico State in 1979 and 1982. The Huskers won both games by a combined score of: (a) 125-0, (b) 100-0, (c) 200-0, (d) 150-0.

8. He holds the Nebraska coaching record for winning percentage: (a) Bob Devaney, (b) Tom Osborne, (c) Jimbo Stiehlm, (d) Bummy Booth, (e) D.X. Bible.

9. Before this season, all of Nebraska's opponents for all time had scored how many points? (a) 1,000, (b) 5,000, (c) 10,000, (d) 15,000.

10. The largest crowd the Huskers ever played to was in what decade? (a) 1980s, (b) 1970s, (c) 1960s, (d) 1950s, (e) 1940s.

11. Nebraska's all-time freshman rusher for yards in a season is: (a) Mike Rozier, (b) Johnny Rodgers, (c) Walter Wallace, (d) Doug DuBose.


12. The last time Nebraska passed for more than 250 yards in a game was in what year? (a) 1974, (b) 1971, (c) 1976, (d) 1984.

13. The last time a Nebraska punt was returned for a touchdown the year was? (a) 1984, (b) 1976, (c) 1970, (d) 1964.

14. He's the fourth leading Husker scorer of all time. Who is he? (a) Jeff Kinney, (b) Rick Berns, (c) Rich Sanger, (d) Roger Craig.

15. He holds the Nebraska pass reception records for split ends for receptions in a game and in a season. (a) Guy Ingles, (b) Chuck Malito, (c) Dennis Richnafsky, (d) Boris Badenov.

ANSWERS : 1B, 2C, 3D, 4C, 5B, 6C, 7A, 8C, 9C, 10E, 11C, 12C, 13D, 14C, 15C.



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**J**ohn Melton may have the reputation of being the funny guy on the Nebraska football staff, but it may be his wife, Bev, who has the supreme sense of humor in the family.

"We interrupt this marriage to bring you the football season," reads a plaque on the wall in Melton's office.

"She gave that to me for an anniversary some time, I can't remember which," said Melton. "We don't get to see our families that much, but you learn to live with it."

"That's just the way our life is. We travel a lot, but most of our wives and children have accepted it. The kids will say 'Dad's gone' or 'Hi, Dad. Nice to have you home.'"

"Actually, the plaque is not quite right. We probably spend more time at home during the season than during the off-season because at least we can get home," he said. "It may not be until late, but we can get home. During the off-season, the travelling for recruiting seems almost non-stop."

But Melton's sense of humor has served him well in his profession.

"If you don't have a sense of humor in this business, you'd go crazy. There's a lot of pressure — sometimes put on by other people and sometimes you put on yourself," he said. "You have to find humor in a lot of things to survive."

"And the kids are under a lot of pressure, so sometimes you have to relieve that by telling them a funny story to relax."

"You have to be able to take the kidding around here. You can't wear your heart on your sleeve in this office," he said, referring to his NU peers. "They all have a sense of humor and they'll get on you pretty good — actually, they'll ride you unmercifully."

The good-natured ribbing Melton dishes out and receives is necessary for the well-being of the staff.

"We're a close-knit staff. We spend so much time together — a minimum of 10 hours a day during the season — that we have to get along," he said.

But there is one area Melton is a little touchy about.

"I'm a lot better fisherman than Tom Osborne gives me credit for," he claimed. "I always catch my share of fish and hold my own with him."

"But what a lot of people don't realize is what a great sense of humor Tom has. He is a funny guy," he said. "Let me tell you, that guy can put the needle in you as good as anybody and he can take a joke. But if he gets something on you, he can really stick the needle in."

"His sense of humor is a little different than Bob Devaney's. Bob likes to tell a story and Tom's humor is a little drier."

Melton said he isn't sure if that's how other coaches operate. After all, the Pennsylvania native has only worked for



## John Melton's Sense Helps Preserve His

Husker linebacker coach is noted for his good-natured kidding and his hard-hitting defenders.

By Ryly Jane Hambleton

two head coaches in his 29 years in college coaching.

He was an all-state prep player in Pennsylvania and after a stint in the service during World War II, Melton was a stand-out fullback for two years at the University of Wyoming under Bowden Wyatt.

After coaching in Thermopolis, Wyo., Melton joined Devaney's staff at Wyoming and then followed him to Nebraska. His assignments for the Huskers have ranged from freshman coach (with a 12-2 record) to being in charge of the wingbacks and receivers. But for the bulk of the time, he has been NU's linebacker

coach.

"When it comes to coaching, Tom Osborne and Bob Devaney are absolutely the same," he said. "First, there is fun in practice. There are certain times for seriousness and certain times for fun."

"Second, the kids here are never brow-beaten. A lot of coaches are screamers. They run a high-intensity practice with a lot of screaming."

"We're a little more laid back. If a guy makes a mistake, we don't make a major scene. I mean, we get mad at the kids sometimes, but we just work things out."

"Third, all of us, Tom and the assistant





Linebacker Coach John Melton and his "boys", linebackers Mike Knox, Steve Forch, Chad Duffer, Kevin Parsons and Marc Munford.

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coaches, have a deep interest in these kids. I like to be around young kids and care about them as people.

"And fourth, both Bob and Tom let the assistant coaches coach. At a lot of schools, the head coach tries to coach everything himself. And that's just an impossibility in this day and age.

"I think a stable program is definitely a key. Some coaches change jobs every two years. We know each other pretty well and how each one coaches. Tom doesn't have to coach the coaches."

But that's not to say the Huskers never get any new ideas, according to Melton.

Charlie McBride came to NU from Wisconsin, George Darlington from California and Bob Thornton from Western Illinois. And, Melton said, both Frank Solich and Milt Tenopir worked their way through the high school ranks.

"Besides, we get input from our kids, too. In fact, that's how one of our calls came about — the banjo call. We were putting it in during practice where if the tight end releases inside, the linebacker takes him and if he flares or goes out in the flat, the end takes him.

"It looked easy on the blackboard, but on the field they were bumping into each other or crossing each other in the flat. One of the guys said why don't we make a switch call for inside-outside.

"We get changes like that because we explain the theory of things to the kids. The worst thing you can do is put a kid on the field who doesn't know what he's doing. We try to make as few changes as we can, particularly at halftime, but we make them when needed.

"By the time the players get in the lockerroom at halftime and get a coke, we only have seven or eight minutes with them before we have to go back out on the field. So there isn't much time for a lot of

changes.

"We usually work on a Plan A and a Plan B type of system and try to keep Plan B for the second half. Unfortunately, sometimes we have to use Plan B in the first quarter. Most of the time, we never use it at all. But that means the kids have worked on it some, so that's not quite like putting in something totally new.

"We tell them the theory of the change, so if sometimes they'll say it's hard for them we can work it out better because they understand."

Understanding why is also something the coaches continually work at, according to Melton.

"Pro football doesn't have as much direct influence on Nebraska as other teams. But now more teams are throwing the ball more and getting their sets and patterns from the pros. That's forced us, in a way, to go and visit these pros and find out how they defense it."

Melton's charges, the linebackers, have been affected by the change in emphasis as much as any defensive players.

"Linebackers have gone through the progression of having the big and strong linebackers, which you still need, to the point now where they have to be a lot faster because they're covering the backs coming out of the backfield.

"But if you watch the teams that are winning consistently over the years, they are the teams that can run the ball. Passing teams can throw until they get near the goal-line.

"Then the area they have to work with shrinks and the advantage shifts from the offense to the defense because we can cover them a little tighter and closer."

Another change in college football isn't necessarily for the good of the game, but it's one Nebraska coaches must deal with each recruiting season.

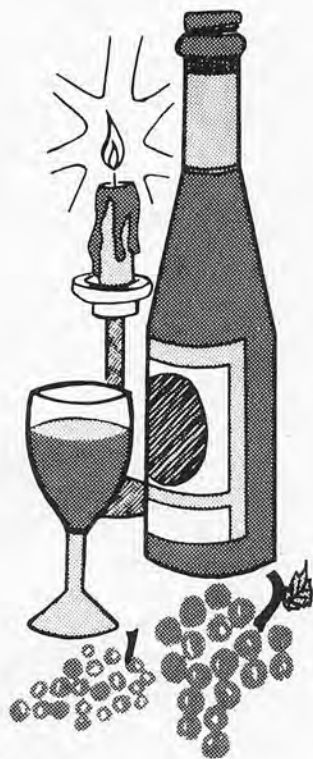
"It can cause problems that other schools bend or break the rules. But we make it perfectly clear that we do everything within the NCAA rules. Sometimes we lose a kid because of things we have no control over. But in the long run, we sleep better at nights. And some athletes are scared off by the promise of illegal aid, or they've already made up their minds where they are going and nothing will change that.

"As long as Tom and Bob run Nebraska's program, we have and will run a clean program. That kind of attitude has to come from the top — the administration, the athletic director and the head coach.

"Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne say there's going to be no cheating at Nebraska — you're going to do it fair and square. That's why, through Tom and Ursula (Walsh, academic counselor), we stress education so much. If you don't get a degree in four or five years, you've wasted that time."



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John Melton

Melton said he thinks athletes attend college for several different reasons. For the athlete from a poor financial background, it is simply a way to get an education. For some, it is a way to build for the future, either through contacts made or in the pros, and for others it's because they just love to perform well in front of people.

"The thing I like about coaching is that I love competition. I think you'll find that people who compete in anything are happier because they haven't got time to worry about other people or anything like that," he said. "They have to worry about their own job.

"I think watching your own son or daughter compete in athletics makes you a better coach. It's made me a little bit more mellow. One theory I have is that I want people to treat my son well, so I treat another kid like I'd like to have my son treated."

Melton's son, Mike, won the Class A state golf championship last year as a senior at Pius X.

"It's an all together different feeling when you're watching your son compete," he said. "You get awfully nervous. Not that he won't do well, but that you want things to go good for him. I can understand what Tom goes through when he watches his son play.

"Some people have to worry about one or two sons and how much time they spend with them. We worry about 125 and we keep track of them."

Keeping track doesn't just mean timing them in the 40-yard dash or testing their agility. It includes offering help for personal or school problems. Melton spent time with an athlete before this interview because the player missed a class.

"They all have their problems, and they get a little ornery once in awhile where you have to sit on them a little bit," Melton said. "But they need help on other things. These are only 18 to 22-year-old young

men."

But sometimes the players, as well as the press, ask questions to which the answers are either not available or not for the public. Melton, like most coaches, has learned a few pat answers to tide him over those rough spots.

"Probably the most-used one is 'I don't know yet because I haven't looked at the films' or 'We'll know better after we look at the films,'" Melton said with a grin. "You know the story about the coach who was asked how his honeymoon went and he said he didn't know because he hadn't checked the films yet.

"Well, the films line is good because it buys time. Another line is 'I don't know because I was watching another guy on this play.' But one thing a good coach will never say is anything negative about a boy in public.

"The most important thing is that you remember that the kid tried his hardest. Everyone sees the very good plays and the very bad plays," he said. "It's the 60 or 70 plays in the middle that determine whether you win or lose."

Melton hasn't had to deal with losing too much during his career. He never played on a team with a losing season, nor has he coached a team with a losing record, from high school to Wyoming to Nebraska.

"You have to have dignity when you win or lose but you can't alibi or degrade the other team's performance," he said.

Melton said when he first got to Laramie, "I thought I had landed on the moon.

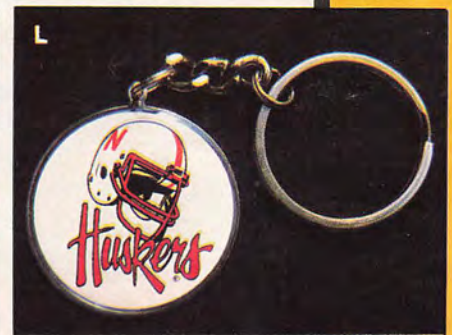
"About all I remember from my first year there is the cold and the cinders from the train. But I had a good time as a player and I really like the people in Wyoming.

"It gets a little cold there," he said sarcastically. "You could get four seasons in one game out there. But the coldest game I ever coached was at Iowa State a few years back, and that includes Laramie!" ♦



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## Patience, Determination Pays For Lindstrom, Schnitzler

By Mike Babcock

**R**oger Lindstrom was a junior and Robb Schnitzler was a sophomore the year Battle Creek beat Oakland-Craig, 20-6, in the quarterfinals of the Nebraska high school football playoffs.

Schnitzler, a tailback, scored touchdowns on runs of four and 24 yards, the second coming in the fourth quarter to give Battle Creek some breathing room. The score stood 7-6 after three periods.

Both athletes smile at the recollection, though the exact details have long been forgotten.

It was the fall of 1979, and Schnitzler had already begun thinking about trying to play his college football at Nebraska.

"I made up my mind early in my high

school career that I was going to give it a shot, walk on, no matter what," said Schnitzler, the Cornhuskers' starting split end. "If I didn't make it, I'd try something else."

Lindstrom, a running back and linebacker at Oakland-Craig, already had thoughts of becoming a Cornhusker, too, in the fall of 1979. "I probably knew a long, long time ago that I was going to come here if I had a chance," Nebraska's senior wingback said.

"I figured I'd try it at Nebraska and if I couldn't make it, I could always fall back on a smaller college."

Given Lindstrom's determination, that was a remote, if not altogether non-exis-

tent, alternative.

Lindstrom is a survivor.

He's undergone shoulder surgery four times since his senior year in high school and had a pin inserted in each shoulder. The pin in his right shoulder came loose, however, and was removed on the Sunday following Nebraska's opener against Florida State.

A little over a week later, Lindstrom was back practicing.

Despite the loose pin, he started and played in the Florida State game. Lindstrom wasn't about to step aside after waiting four years to start.

"It wasn't too bad," he said of the pain in his shoulder. "I felt there wasn't that big



## Four high school foes make it as Husker walkons

Rober Lindstrom (left) and Robb Schnitzler always saw the light at the end of the tunnel. Now they're enjoying the limelight of Husker football.

"He's got a lot of guts."

Lindstrom is thankful his problems have been with his shoulders instead of his knees because knee injuries are tougher to rehabilitate.

Courage isn't in short supply for either Lindstrom or Schnitzler, who represent the best in Nebraska's football program. Both walked on from small high schools and both have paid their dues, never complaining, working in anonymity, patiently waiting for their chance to play.

It hasn't been easy because "walkon kids don't receive that much (public) attention sometimes," said Gene Huey, Nebraska receivers coach. "Everybody's concerned about that scholarship guy, who's U.S. government inspected."

The scholarship-walkon distinction breaks down on the field. Performance is all that counts.

Without hesitation, Huey turned to Schnitzler when Jason Gamble went down with a knee injury in the Kansas game last fall. "I never had any doubts about Robb's ability before he played," said Huey.

"You can tell a lot about a guy from his practice habits, and Robb's always been a good practice player. You find very few kids at the skill positions who can run all day long and not get tired. But Schnitzler can. I never had reservations about using Robb."

Huey felt the same way about Lindstrom when he was forced to use him in the Oklahoma State game two years ago. Irving Fryar and Shane Swanson were injured, and Lindstrom went in. "Roger had to play as the third-string wingback, and play he did," said Huey, a former wingback himself.

That's the way it is at Nebraska. No one is irreplaceable.

"In this program you're always going to have somebody who picks up the standard and goes on," Huey said.

"You might not have a real great athlete at every position all the time. A substitute player might have to go in and play, but no matter who that substitute is, as long as he's performing to his capabilities, you're not going to drop off that much."

of a risk of hurting it any more than it was. The damage had already been done," said Lindstrom.

"I just told myself I was going to play hard, and if I lasted only one play, at least I tried. If the shoulder lasted the whole game, that was fine, too, because they were going to take the screw out on Sunday, anyway."

Lindstrom already had Schnitzler's respect, but that reaffirmed it.

"You have to be an awful tough guy to play with something like that, especially a shoulder injury because you're always getting hit and you have to block, take a pounding," Schnitzler said. "Roger hangs in there."







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Lindstrom is a good example.

He's the third of three brothers to play football at Nebraska. Dan, who's now a commodity broker in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, lettered three years as a defensive end, from 1978 through 1980. Scott was a squadman through his junior year, 1981. He's currently farming.

Following one's brothers makes it easier, according to Lindstrom. "They know exactly what you're going through," he said.

Dan Lindstrom walked on and played behind three All-Americans during his Cornhusker career — George Andrews, Derrie Nelson and Jimmy Williams. When Nelson was injured, Lindstrom started three games. "Dan had a tough road," said Roger. "He played a lot, but it was hard for him to break into the starting lineup."

Roger has had similar patience, making the most of his time while Fryar, Swanson and Jim Thompson played.

Lindstrom has come up through the ranks, backing up Swanson on the junior varsity as a freshman in 1981 and redshirting in 1982. He began as a monster back but switched to wingback three weeks into his freshman year.

"I knew I'd have to go through the system before I played. You have to be realistic; I wasn't going to walk in the first day and play. I was no super-star," Lindstrom said. "But I figured if I studied hard and knew my assignments, possibly down the road, I might have a chance."

Nothing, not even the shoulder problems, could cause Lindstrom to lose sight of his goal.

He underwent surgery on his right shoulder during his senior year in high school, following the state wrestling tournament. After spring practice two seasons ago, a pin was inserted in Lindstrom's left shoulder. Last spring, he got the pin in his right shoulder.

Because of his brothers, Lindstrom got an early indoctrination into Nebraska football. He used to visit the Cornhusker lockerroom after home games.

"It was great," he said. "I got to meet a lot of the players. It was exciting. When you're young, you look at those guys and you think they're almost super-human. Now I look at myself, and I'm human."

Nebraska football is also big at home. Marlene Lindstrom has a flower and rock garden shaped like a football by the driveway. "She put an 'OC' (for Oakland-Craig) in the garden on Fridays and switched to an 'N' (for Nebraska) on Saturdays," Roger said of his mom.

Athletic ability is an inherited trait in the Schnitzler family.

Robb's younger brother, Craig, is a Cornhusker place-kicker.

They were coached by their father, Robert, in high school. Robert never pressured his sons, or his four daughters, into athletics. "He encouraged me, but he

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didn't force me," Robb said.

"Being a coach, it's only natural for him to want me to play sports."

It was only natural that Robb excelled in sports. He started three years in football and played some with the varsity as a freshman before a broken collarbone, suffered in a reserve game, sidelined him. He missed "about five weeks" during his junior year because of strained ligaments in a knee.

He didn't have surgery on the knee, though, at times, he wishes he had. As the season wears on, the knee begins to bother him the way arthritis might.

Otherwise, Schnitzler has avoided serious injuries during his career.

Playing for his father had its drawbacks, particularly when he was younger. "Sometimes people would say things, that I was only playing because of my dad, and it bothered me a bit," said Robb. "But I tried to put those things out of my mind and show them I was good enough to play."

"There was a little pressure on me, but I came through it pretty well."

Battle Creek reached the Class C-1 semifinals when Schnitzler was a sophomore and won the state title his senior year. Craig was the quarterback on that championship team.

Robb Schnitzler, a high school tailback in a wishbone-type offense, spent his first season and a half at Nebraska playing wingback before being moved to split end.

He quickly established himself as a hard worker and in so doing, caught Huey's attention. During his redshirt year, "he didn't fall into the 'redshirt syndrome,'" Huey said.

"The defensive coaches had good things to say about him. When I started getting reports about his work habits, I paid more attention to him, and I saw how hard he worked. Robb developed good work habits as a redshirt. He's one of the best kids I've ever been around as far as work habits are concerned."

Some players are concerned only with getting through their redshirt season and surviving on the red squad. Schnitzler used the redshirt experience to make himself better. At the end of that fall, he was chosen the team's Outstanding Scout Squad Player.

The injury to Gamble created an opportunity on which Schnitzler was prepared to capitalize.

He went into the season competing with Gamble for the No. 3 spot, behind Scott Kimball and Rod Yates, who was sidelined with a pulled hamstring.

That's how quickly a situation can change, and "you've got to be ready to fill in," said Schnitzler, a 5-9, 170-pounder who's been timed at :04.56 in the 40-yard dash.

Schnitzler caught six passes for 144 yards, an average of 24 yards per reception, last season. He made four of those

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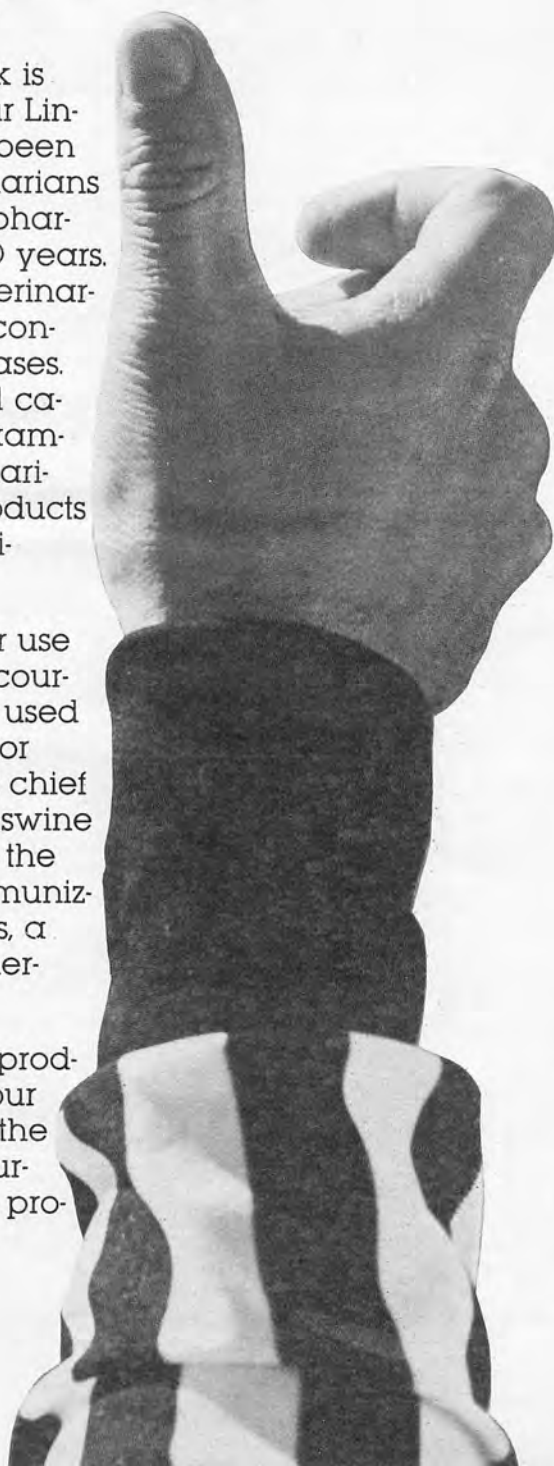
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Robb Schnitzler

catches, for 83 yards, in the Oklahoma game. One, a 38-yarder in the second quarter, carried to the Sooner two-yard line and set up Nebraska's only touchdown in the 17-7 loss.

Schnitzler's 83-yard total was a season high for Nebraska.

His success as a Cornhusker is attributable, in part, to his considerable speed. But that's not the only quality that made him a starter.

"It's important how you run your routes, breaking 'em off precisely," Schnitzler said.

As for precision, "everything Robb does is precise," said Huey.

Lindstrom has a similar precision, the result of spending four years in Nebraska's program. He may not have the physical abilities of Von Sheppard or Dana Brinson, other wingbacks, but he knows what to do and he's consistent.

Huey began the season planning to alternate Lindstrom and Sheppard as starters. That decision was made last April, after "Lindstrom had the finest spring since he's been here," Huey said. "He caught the ball well, and he played consistently."

"I'm not saying the others did not, but he's been here longer. I don't care what it is; you're always going to go with the person who has experience."

The competition with Sheppard and Brinson didn't affect Lindstrom. He would've worked just as hard if the competition had been less intense.

He's got only one speed — full.

Lindstrom's toughness was apparent during the spring. "I saw Roger take some hits from people trying to separate him from the ball," said Huey.

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is a primary requirement for every wide receiver.

The only way to take the hits is through concentration, a lesson Schnitzler quickly learned.

The coaches stress the importance of concentration, "keeping your eye on the ball," Schnitzler said. "They stress catching the ball with your hands, and that's what I try to do. You can't worry about the defenders."

"I try to block them out in a game. I try just to concentrate on running my patterns, juking the defender and getting in the open. I don't worry where the defender's at because if he hits me before the ball gets there, that's interference, anyway."

Schnitzler was just as surprised as every-

one else when Lindstrom practiced on the Monday preceding the Illinois game. He hadn't even spent two weeks recovering from his "minor" shoulder surgery to remove the pin, and yet there he was, eager to play.

Despite the surprise, no one was about to question Lindstrom's intensity.

"The worst thing you can do is have an injury and go out there and play half-speed," he said. "It's not fair to the team if you don't go 100 percent, and you're not being fair to yourself because you're not going to grade well."

"There's no use being out there if you're not playing hard."

Huey saw that quality in Lindstrom a long time ago, and when it came time to find a replacement for the ever steady Swanson, he had only to look to Lindstrom. Some people may have been surprised, expecting Lindstrom to continue laboring as a reserve.

But Huey knew what he was doing with Lindstrom, just as he knew the job would get done when Schnitzler replaced the injured Gamble last fall.

"I like to look back and see what a kid has done," Huey said.

"When you're a position coach, you have a feel for the people you're working with. I can go back and look at a few years ago when Jamie Williams and Mitch Krenk were tight ends here. We went down to Oklahoma State and Jamie got hurt. Mitch had to go in and play."

"I knew Mitch was going to do well so I had no doubts. I didn't bat an eye because I'd watched him daily in practice. I knew his capabilities and where his heart was as a player."

At Nebraska, that's the way the system works. Schnitzler and Lindstrom wanted to be a part of it long ago. ♦

Roger Lindstrom





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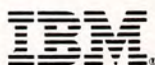
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## The Way They See It...

**Dick Janda, KOLN-KGIN TV:** "New Mexico's coach admits that the only reason his team is playing Nebraska is for New Mexico's guarantee of the gate receipts. The two teams are in different leagues and Nebraska will get a chance to play a lot of reserves. **Nebraska 56, New Mexico 0.**"

**Lee Barfknecht, Omaha World Herald:** "The temptation will be for Nebraska to look ahead to Oklahoma State. But even if the Huskers do, that won't help New Mexico. The Lobos can console themselves with a nice paycheck for playing in Lincoln. **Nebraska 55, New Mexico 10.**"

**Adam Teicher, Albuquerque Journal:** "I don't know if I can count that high. New Mexico can move the ball until they get to the 20 and then can't punch it in. **Nebraska 59, New Mexico 13.**"

**Terry Henion, Omaha World Herald:** "Nebraska 45, New Mexico 10. The big question is how the Lobos will get their 10. This one is not just a laugher. It's a roll-in-the-aisles, hold-your-belly side-splitter."

**Tom Vint, Associated Press:** "The Huskers' defense has arrived and proven its point against two good passing teams. New Mexico also likes to throw but doesn't have the muscle of the last two victims. You can name your score. **Nebraska 52, New Mexico 7.**"

**Dennis Latta, Albuquerque:** "Nebraska will win by as much as it wants. New Mexico's defense is not too strong. They gave up 59 points in the first two games and 49 against Air Force. The Lobos are just thin on defense."

**Brent Robinson, Kearney Hub:** "Nebraska's reserves should be looking forward to the matchup against New Mexico. This may be their chance to see playing time before the tough Big 8 season begins. Don't expect the Husker starters to have to play much past halftime. It'll be a blowout. **Nebraska 69, New Mexico 6.**"

## The Series

### NEBRASKA vs. NEW MEXICO

**When:** 1:30 p.m., Saturday, October 5.

**Where:** Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**New Mexico Facts:** Coach — Joe Lee Dunn (Tennessee, Chattanooga, 1968), third season. School Colors: Cherry and Silver. Nickname: Lobos. Enrollment: 24,000. Stadium: University Stadium, 30,646 capacity. Conference: Western Athletic. Offensive System: Multiple. Defensive System: 5-2.

**The Series:** No previous meetings.

**Lee Sapp Leasing  
Lee Sapp's Pick  
Nebraska 42  
New Mexico 6**

**Dave Weber, WOWT TV, Omaha:** "I had severe doubts Nebraska could beat Oregon the way they did. Air Force defeated NM fairly handily. I see a situation where at least 100 NU players will get in the game, giving them needed experience. **Nebraska 63, New Mexico 10.**"

**Tobin Beck, United Press International:** "I think Nebraska showed they have an effective passing game in addition to the powerful running game. That will be just as overwhelming for New Mexico as it was for Oregon. That, along with the dramatic improvement of the Husker defense (which started out just fine anyway) will be too much for the Lobos. **Nebraska 60, New Mexico 0.**"

**Terry Yeager, KMTV, Omaha:** "The score could be really big, but Coach Tom Osborne is too big a man to run it up on New Mexico. I just hope there's no let-down from the Oregon game when the Huskers played so darn well. The Huskers may kind of look ahead to the Big 8 schedule. **Nebraska 48, New Mexico 0.**"

## The Way We See It...

**Huskers Illustrated:** "Last fall the Huskers were 3-0 with only one non-conference test left before entertaining Oklahoma State. That last test was at Syracuse, where Coach Tom Osborne had warned danger lurked. Nebraska came up with a flat performance, Syracuse was sky high and the Orangemen pulled off an upset which probably cost NU a national championship.

"New Mexico in Lincoln is not to be confused with Syracuse at the Carrier Dome. But the principle is the same: in today's world of college football, the giants can't afford rest on last week's conquests.

"Defeating the Lobos should be accomplished without too many dramatics, with or without Doug DuBose. New Mexico gave up 580 yards to Air Force last Saturday, and the Falcons do not have the speed UNM will find waiting in Lincoln.

"But the Huskers will be looking for more than a win. They are on a streak right now — a streak which has all but erased the memory of that opening loss to Florida State. Nebraska couldn't have picked a better time to lose, if indeed they were to lose this season. The Big Eight powerhouse has already moved back into the nation's elite in the polls, and they should continue to do so. They need to continue building that momentum they'll need going into the Big Eight schedule.

"A shoddy outing against New Mexico would not help when it comes time the following week to travel to Stillwater in what should be a battle of Top 10 teams. Another lopsided blowout will serve notice to OSU and the rest of the Big Eight that the rebuilding has already been accomplished in Nebraska. The beatings go on: **Nebraska 48, New Mexico 7.**" ♦

## On The Cover...

Fullback Ken Kaelin shoves his way into the end zone for the second Husker touchdown of the game. Ken Jarecke of Lincoln caught the action with his camera.



# Scouting The Opponent

**N**ew Mexico has scored 77 points in its three games of the 1985 football season, but the Lobos are 1-2.

Texas Tech slipped by the Lobos in the season opener 32-31 before New Mexico earned bragging rights in the state with a 34-27 victory over New Mexico State.

But then the Lobos ran into the wishbone of Air Force and lost 49-12.

"They ran all over us early and made us look bad," said New Mexico Coach Joe Lee Dunn. "The key to stopping Air Force is stopping their running game and we didn't do a very good job."

Air Force rushed for 340 yards against the Lobos and added 240 passing yards, connecting on 10-of-14 passes. New Mexico's chances of staying close in the first half evaporated when the Air Force defense stopped a pair of early Lobo drives and forced the Lobos to settle for field goals of 38 and 31 yards by junior Joe Bibbo.

The Lobos rushed for 78 yards against the Falcons, with all-Western Athletic Conference running back Willie Turrall picking up 54 yards on 12 attempts. Turrall rushed for 1,064 yards last year.

The passing attack has been New Mexico's biggest asset. In the first two games, quarterback Billy Rucker passed for 471 yards on 23 completions. Against Air Force, Rucker played the first half, completing eight passes for 130 yards before junior college transfer Ned James came in the second half.

James, who had attempted just one pass in the first two games, was 18-for-24 for 207 yards. He scored the Lobos' only touchdown on a 4-yard run with 9:21 left in the game.

Dunn had expected the Lobos could be competitive this year if injuries didn't decimate the squad.

"I have the feeling that we might have a good team," he said before the season started. "If we're lucky with injuries and we weren't last year we have an excellent chance to rebound from last year and compete with just about everybody on our schedule."

The offensive line is anchored by guard Donnie DeYoung and tackle Tim Lopez, both seniors. Tori Brown, a sophomore from Pasadena, Calif., has caught eight passes for 224 yards and one TD.

Terrance Mathis, a freshman receiver from Atlanta, leads the Lobos with 13 catches for 265 yards and two touchdowns. In his first two games, he had 350 all-purpose yards for a 175.0-per game average. That ranked him 13th in the nation overall and the top freshman.

## New Mexico



Willie Turrall

This will be the first meeting between New Mexico and Nebraska, but the Cornhuskers have not treated teams from The Land of Enchantment well. In 1982, Nebraska set four NCAA single-game records in a 68-0 victory over New Mexico State.

NU gained 883 yards in total offense, picked up 677 rushing yards without a loss, recorded 36 rushing first downs and rolled up 43 first downs overall to eclipse NCAA marks. ♦

## Injury Report

**DOUG DUBOSE:** Suffered a bruise on his right knee in the first quarter.

**LEE JONES:** Bruised his shoulder later in the game.

**CRAIG SCHNITZLER:** Missed Saturday's game because of a charley horse in his right thigh.

**DALE KLEIN:** Suffered a minor groin pull during Saturday's game.

According to Husker Trainer George Sullivan, none of the injuries appear to be serious. ♦

## Quotes 'n Notes

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### ***gymnastics***

Former Husker standouts Scott Johnson and Phil Cahoy earned spots on the U.S. squad that will compete at the 1985 World Championships by finishing in the top eight at the World Championship Trials held last week in Minneapolis, Minn.

Johnson, who won a Gold Medal as a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Team, finished second behind fellow 1984 Olympian Tim Daggett, while Cahoy finished fourth to earn his first trip to a major international meet since the 1983 World Championships.

Husker sophomores Tom Schlesinger and Mike Epperons finished 21st and 23rd respectively while senior Wes Suter, who won the NCAA all-around title last spring, was forced to withdraw from the competition with spasms in his neck.

The 1985 World Championships will be held in Montreal, Canada in the first week of December.

### ***volleyball***

Coach Terry Pettit's squad took on a pair of nationally ranked teams over the weekend when they hosted the first Nebraska Volleyball Classic. The Huskers, who came into the invitational ranked fifth in the country took the team title by defeating No. 11 BYU, No. 14 Arizona and Oregon to run their season record to 11-2.

### ***cross country***

Jay Dirksen's men's and women's squads brought back both team titles from the Illini Invitational. The women captured their third straight invitational of the fall by placing four runners in the top ten. Laura Wight captured individual honors, followed by Mary Amen (fourth), Jill Noel (sixth), and Karlene Erickson (seventh). The men picked up their first team title of the season. Sophomore Bryan Clark led the squad with a second-place finish.

### ***baseball***

Centerfielder Paul Meyers was named to the U.S. squad that will compete in the Simon Bolivar Games Oct. 6-16 in Caracas, Venezuela. The Bolivar Games will serve as the Americas' Zone qualifying round to determine the Pan American qualifiers for the World Amateur Baseball Championships next summer in Holland.

This is the second national team assignment for the junior from Omaha Westside. Meyers spent the summer in the Far East and Canada playing with the national team, hitting .328 with a team-high 17 doubles. 30 ♦

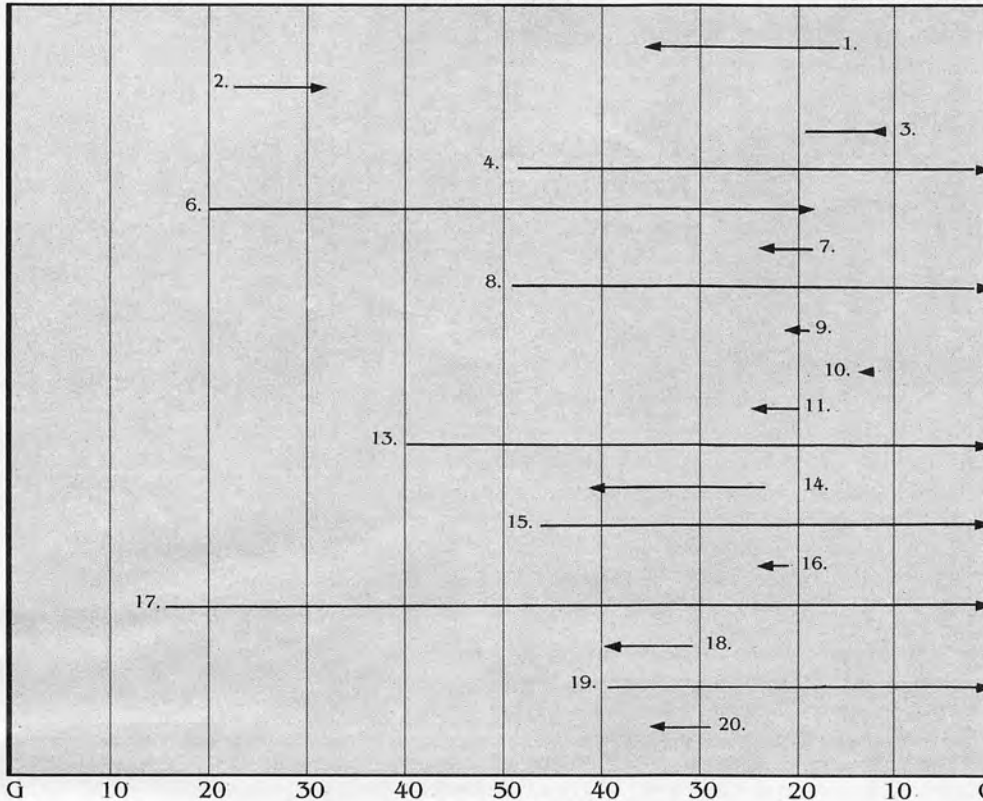


# Field Position Chart

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FIRST HALF

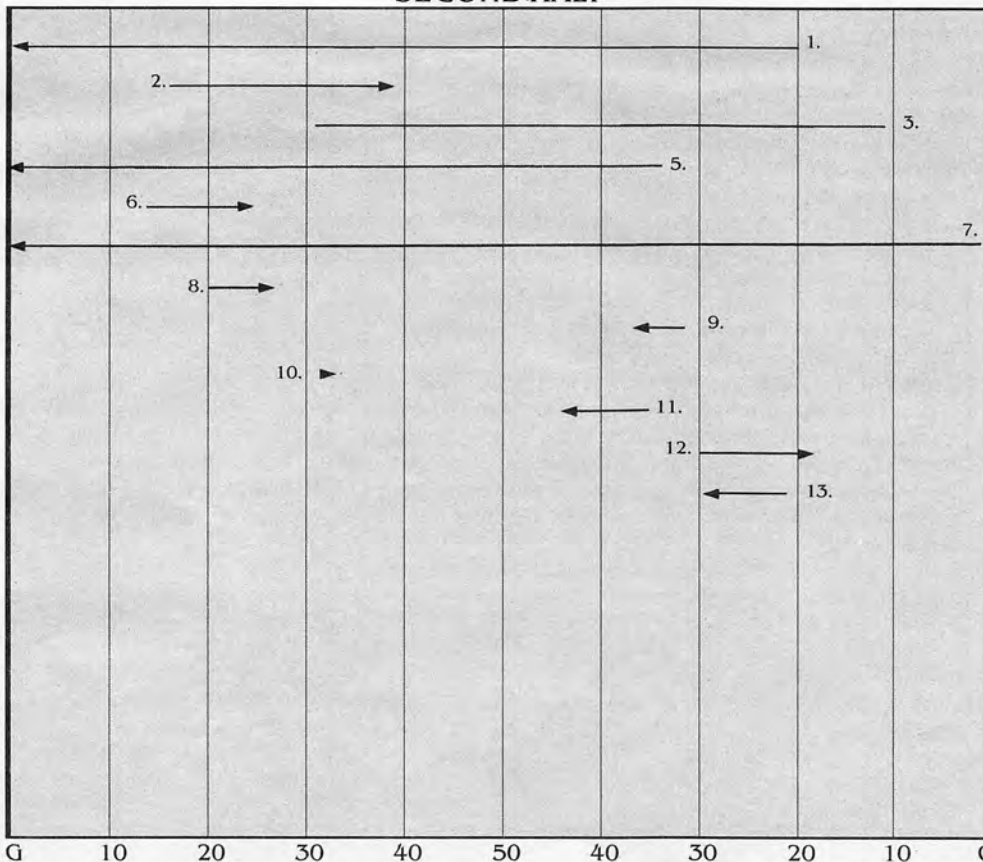
OREGON



## 1st Half Possessions

1. NU 58 KO, OU 15 ret. to 17, drives 19 yds to OU 36.
2. OU punts 45 yds., ret. 4 to NU 23. NU drives to NU 32.
3. NU punts 56 yds., ret. 7 to OU 19. OU drive ends at OU 12.
4. OU punts 36 yds., no ret. to OU 48. NU drives 48 yds. for TD, 7-0.
5. NU 60 KO, no return. OU fumbles on first play at OU 20.
6. OU loses fumble, no ret., NU drives to OU 18 loses ball on fake FG attempt.
7. NU loses ball on fake FG. OU drives to OU 23.
8. OU 47 punt, no ret., OU 49 NU drives for TD 14-0.
9. NU 60 KO, 18 ret. to OU 18. drive to OU 21 where NU int., ret. 5 to OU 12.
10. NU pushed back to OU 13 where FG attempt is no good.
11. OU 20 after missed FG. OU drives to OU 24.
12. OU 36 yd. punt, no ret. NU 40.
13. NU drive for TD 21-0.
14. NU 36 yd. KO no ret., OU 24 drives to OU 41 where NU int. ret 31 yds. to OU 46.
15. NU drives for TD 28-0.
16. NU 57 KO, 18 ret. to OU 21, drive to OU 23. OU 51 yd punt no return.
17. NU drives from NU 17 for TD 35-0.
18. NU 55 KO, OU 24 yd ret. to OU 29. OU drives to OU 39 where OU loses fumble.
19. NU recovers at OU 39, drives for TD 42-0.
20. NU 38 KO, OU 17 ret. to OU 29. OU drives to OU 34 as half ends.

SECOND HALF



## 2nd Half Possessions

1. OU 60 KO, NU no ret. NU drive for TD 49-0.
2. NU 53 KO, OU 17 ret. OU drives to OU 39. NU rets 10. NU penalized for clip to NU 11.
3. NU drives to NU 31.
4. NU 34 punt, no ret. at OU 35. OU pass intercept.
5. NU intercepts 24 ret. to OU 27 drives for TD 56-0.
6. NU 38 KO, OU 14 ret to OU 26. OU drives to NU 46.
7. OU 45 punt to NU 1, no ret. NU drives for TD 63-0.
8. NU 55 KO after penalty, no ret. to OU 20. OU drives to OU 25.
9. OU 51 punt, 7 ret. to NU 31. NU drive to NU 35.
10. NU 32 punt to OU 33, no ret. OU drives to OU 34.
11. OU 32 punt, no ret. to NU 34. NU drives to NU 43.
12. NU 35 punt, OU 48 ret. to NU 30. OU drive to NU 19 where pass int.
13. NU intercepts 12 ret to NU 23. Nu drives to NU 29 as game ends.



## Husker Depth Chart

### NU OFFENSE

**RT:** Tom Welter, 6-4, 270, jr.  
Todd Carpenter, 6-6, 305, jr.  
**RG:** Stan Parker, 6-4, 240, jr.  
John McCormick, 6-0, 250, so.  
**C:** Bill Lewis, 6-6, 277, sr.  
Mark Cooper, 6-1, 245, jr.  
**LG:** Brian Blankenship, 6-1, 270, sr.  
Ron Galois, 6-0, 265, jr.  
**LT:** Tim Roth, 6-0, 265, sr.  
Rob Maggard, 6-3, 265, jr.  
**TE:** Todd Frain, 6-3, 230, sr.  
Tom Banderas, 6-2, 225, so.  
**SE:** Robb Schnitzler, 5-9, 170, sr.  
Rod Smith, 6-0, 195, so.  
**WB:** Roger Lindstrom, 5-10, 195, sr.  
Von Sheppard, 5-9, 185, so.  
**IB:** Doug DuBose, 5-11, 191, jr.  
Paul Miles, 5-10, 200, sr.  
**FB:** Tom Rathman, 6-0, 220, sr.  
Ken Kaelin, 5-10, 215, jr.  
**QB:** McCa. Clayton, 6-0, 195, so.  
Travis Turner, 6-3, 206, sr.  
**P:** Dan Wingard, 6-1, 195, sr.  
**K:** Dale Klein, 6-1, 195, so.  
Craig Schnitzler, 5-8, 215, so.

### DEFENSE

**LT:** Chris Spachman, 6-5, 250, jr.  
Neil Smith, 6-6, 256, so.  
**MG:** Danny Noonan, 6-3, 280, jr.  
Ken Shead, 5-11, 235, sr.  
**RT:** Jim Skow, 6-3, 245, sr.  
Rod Reynolds, 6-3, 245, sr.  
**RDE:** Brad Smith, 6-3, 230, sr.  
Scott Tucker, 6-3, 220, sr.  
**LDE:** Gregg Reeves, 6-3, 220, sr.  
Tony Holloway, 6-2, 205, jr.  
**SLB:** Mike Knox, 6-2, 235, sr.  
Kevin Parsons, 6-3, 230, jr.  
**WLB:** Marc Munford, 6-2, 230, jr.  
Chad Daffer, 6-1, 230, sr.  
**RCB:** Dennis Watkins, 5-11, 180, sr.  
Brian Pokorny, 5-11, 175, sr.  
**LCB:** Mike Carl, 5-11, 180, jr.  
Cleo Miller, 5-9, 170, jr.  
**M:** Brian Washington, 6-1, 218, so.  
Jeff Tomjack, 6-0, 200, so.  
**FS:** Bryan Siebler, 5-11, 195, jr.  
Chris Carr, 6-2, 195, jr.

## Coach's Evaluation



Head Coach  
Tom Osborne

"I don't know much about New Mexico, at all. They were leading Texas Tech in their first game by two or three touchdowns and ended up getting beat right at the end, 32-31. They beat New Mexico State and Air Force beat them, 49-12...but Air Force is pretty good and is going to beat a lot of people.

"We've had a couple of pretty stern tests so far. Even though the Illinois game ended up being kind of a breather, we went into it, and we went into this last game as well, thinking it would be kind of a test.

"I'm hoping we approach the game this week as if it's going to be a test because if we don't, it will be a test, for sure. So we've got to really prepare well. If we can play a lot of people, fine, and if we can't, that's the way it goes.

"Some people may treat the New Mexico game as a breather or as something not that important, but I'll guarantee you if we lose it, it'll all of a sudden be an awfully important game. I've found that over the years so many times you'll hear people say, 'You can't win the big one.' I don't know what a big game is. I know that every one we've ever lost has suddenly become a big game. We've beaten some pretty good football teams, and it's kind of like, 'That wasn't a big game because you didn't lose it.'

"I think we could make the New Mexico game into a big one in a hurry if we don't play well.

"As for the Oregon game, I think we played about as well all the way around as any game we've played in quite awhile. As we looked at them before the game, we thought Oregon would be a difficult team to beat. I thought if we played well, we might win by a couple of touchdowns, and if we made mistakes, we might lose. So I was really surprised at the way it went. I was particularly surprised at the way we dominated their offense." ♦

## Lobos Depth Chart

### UNM OFFENSE

**SE:** 82 Chris Buford, 6-1, 172, jr.; 80 John Royston, 5-10, 162, jr.  
**LT:** 52 Brian McCabe, 6-3, 243, so.; 62 Terence Donaldson, 6-2, 258, so.  
**LG:** 61 Steve Parr, 6-3, 261, jr.; 64 Barry Luther, 6-3, 233, so.  
**C:** 50 Scott Mancy, 6-3, 236, so.; 61 Steve Parr, 6-3, 261, jr.  
**RG:** 67 Donnie DeYoung, 6-2, 268, sr.; 68 Ricky Russell, 6-1, 256, so.  
**RT:** 76 David Lollie, 6-4, 259, so.; 62 Terrence Donaldson, 6-2, 258, so.  
**SE:** 6 Tori Brown, 5-10, 147, so.; 36 Al Crosby, 5-9, 173, so.  
**QB:** 12 Billy Rucker, 6-0, 192, jr.; 11 Barry Garrison, 6-1, 192, so.  
**FB:** 32 Willie Tural, 5-10, 191, sr.; 22 Joe Sells, 6-0, 220, jr.  
**HB:** 24 Glenn Rogers, 5-7, 175, jr.; 21 Tony Jones, 5-8, 165, so.  
**HB:** 15 Terrance Mathis, 5-10, 157, fr.; 33 Kevin Burgess, 5-9, 187, jr.

### DEFENSE

**LE:** 51 Bob Umdenstock, 5-11, 202, jr.; 95 Randall Ball, 5-11, 223, so.  
**LT:** 91 Lon Nunley, 5-11, 220, sr.; 92 Mike Destefano, 6-2, 250, jr.  
**NG:** 77 Fred Mady, 6-0, 246, so.; 87 Art Martinez, 6-0, 215, fr.  
**RT:** 74 Tom Bradford, 6-3, 250, jr.; 94 Todd King, 6-1, 250, sr.  
**RE:** 31, Wes Hanson, 6-0, 200, sr.; 98 Gil Gonzales, 5-10, 200, sr.  
**LLB:** 46 Donnie Gassoway, 6-2, 230, so.; 55 Sean Mermer, 6-1, 212, so.  
**RLB:** 45 Frank Reina, 5-11, 215, sr.; 48 Steve Holmes, 6-0, 207, so.  
**LCB:** 5 Troy Clewis, 5-10, 175, jr.; 3 Darren Douglas, 5-8, 180, so.  
**SS:** 19 Don Carpenter, 6-0, 190, so.; 10 Sean Armstrong, 6-0, 200, jr.  
**FS:** 21 Craig Hunter, 6-1, 185, jr.; 10 Sean Armstrong, 6-0, 200, jr.  
**RCB:** 25 Anthony Stevenson, 5-9, 173, so.; 20 Pat Duncan, 5-8, 173, jr.

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**P:** 4 Ron Keller, 6-0, 185, jr.  
**K:** 2 Bill Bell, 5-8, 166, jr.



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